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THE PALACE OF ODYSSEUS

A.J.A. XXIII, pp. 288-311.

SINCE the article on the Palace of Odysseus was in the press I have received two letters which indicate that it may be queried how Telemachus happened to have his spear in readiness (ϕ 433, cf. p. 299, note 1), inasmuch as all the weapons had been removed from the hall on the evening before. The poet has taken particular pains to make this clear. The Suitors do not bring their spears to the palace. But Telemachus, from the time when he leaves the hut of the swineherd on the morning before the day of the Slaughter (ρ 4), never suffers his spear to be far out of his reach. He rests it against one of the columns of the porch when he enters the palace to greet his mother (ρ 29), and takes it again when he goes to the agora to bring home Theoclymenus (ρ 62). After the removal of the arms he takes his own spear to his thalamus, for the next morning it is there when he arises from his couch (ν 127). Finally, when he left the hall to go to the agora (ν 145), after asking Eurycleia about the hospitality shown the Beggar, the poet tells us that he had his spear with him. The hearer would naturally infer, therefore, that when he returned for the banquet, he brought the spear into the hall and placed it in the spear-rack, near his thronos; poet and listener knew—even if Telemachus did not—that he would need the spear before the evening was over. Whether there was a spear-rack in the vestibule as well as in the hall cannot be determined; it seems probable that there was not, but that the spear was merely allowed to rest against a column of the porch when its owner intended to remain within only a few moments (ρ 29, cf. 46-52).

The reading *κεκορυθμένον* (p. 299, note 1) should not have been assigned to Miss Stawell. Professor Arthur Platt in the *Journal of Philology*, XXIV, 1896, p. 41, mentions this reading.

On page 310, note 1 reads: "There would naturally have been window-like openings on the courtyard to give light and air to the hyperoon." This should read, "on the courtyard *and the vestibule*." Professor Baur's suggestion concerned the omitted phrase.

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